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FOR GOVERNOR  
Nelson Dingley jr.

For Representative to Congress  
WILLIAM P. FRYE.  
For Senators.  
ENOCH FOSTER, Jr. of Bethel.  
JOHN P. SAWSEY of Canton.  
For Sheriff.  
JOSIAH W. WHITTEN of Buckfield.  
For County Commissioner.  
BENJAMIN Y. TUELL of Soumer.  
For County Treasurer.  
CHRISTOPHER C. CUSHMAN of Hebron.

"Catching at Straws."

A caucus was held at Augusta, last week, to elect delegates to the County Convention, and because the office holders were allowed their own way, and elected delegates said to be favorable to Mr. Hamlin, the telegraph is used to herald the fact to the Boston dailies that Kennebec County is for Hamlin! Augusta is but a small portion of the County, and the caucus in that place, which was not contested by Mr. Perham's friends or Mr. Washburn's, has very little significance in it, one way or another. Augusta elects only 16 of the 125 delegates comprising the convention. The despatchers of a course is often apparent by the struggles made to turn trifles into account.

When neither of the candidates for Senators which the delegates propose to support, profess to be in favor of Mr. Hamlin's election, and both declare that they are in favor of another candidate, it is hard to see how it can be claimed to be a Hamlin victory.  
It will be recollected, also, that in the last gubernatorial canvass, a similar hue and cry was made because Augusta went against the nomination of Gov. Dingley, and yet he carried the State without much difficulty.

The Pension Laws.

In a communication in the last Oxford Register, referring to ex-Gov. Perham, there is a flag about his "tying his hand at making a change in the Pension Laws." When Mr. Perham was Chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, he did try his hand in changing the Pension laws, and succeeded so well that the soldiers are indebted to him for many of the provisions to increase their pensions, especially where a total disability, for loss of a limb or eye occurred, and for the addition of two dollars per month for soldiers' widows, for each child dependent on them for support. Many soldiers have been indebted to him for aid in procuring pensions since he has been out of Congress, and while Governor, through his personal efforts and acquaintance with the Pension office in Washington, he was able to get the names of many State pensioners upon the United States pension list, saving a large sum to the State. The soldiers and their families in the country, are indebted to no man in the land more than to Hon. SIMON PERHAM, who had charge of the vast business of the administration of the Pension laws in Congress, during and immediately after the war, and who was always the warm friend of the soldiers.

Why is it?

The friends of Senator Hamlin claim that he is so popular and useful in the councils of the nation, that the people demand his re-election. It is a little singular that a man who has been in public life so long as he has, should have to make such tremendous efforts, every time, to let the people know that he is their choice!

The Oxford Register, the democratic organ in the County, which has been silent on the Senatorial question for a couple of weeks, cannot restrain its itching to "dip in" again. The last issue contains an article signed "a voter of Paris"—probably a democratic voter—who simply prefers Mr. Hamlin to Mr. Perham.  
Republicans are not exercised about the choice of democrats for any particular office—it is of no sort of consequence.

DR. LEWIS REPEATED.—The Rockland Globe says that a mass temperance meeting of the various temperance organizations on the line of and adjacent to the Knox & Lincoln Railroad, was held at Nobleboro' camp ground, on Thursday. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That we unqualifiedly condemn the unqualified statements of Dr. Dio Lewis in regard to the prohibitory law and its results in this State; knowing that such statements are unsupported by the facts, and that we earnestly protest against any further misrepresentations of this kind, placing as it does not only the temperance men, but the people of this State, in a false position before the country, and tending to the manifest injury of the cause of temperance."

Law Cases.

State vs. Albin D. Wilson. Exceptions overruled. Judgment for the State.  
State vs. John Edwards. Exceptions overruled. Judgment for the State.

Inhabitants of Oxford in ex vs. Elias M. Carter. Dismissed from this docket.

The Oxford County Agricultural Fair will be held at South Paris Oct. 6th to 8th; East Oxford State at Dixfield the same days, and West Oxford, at Fryburg Oct. 13th to 15th.

The State Agricultural Society will hold their fair at Lewiston, Sept. 25th to 28th. The State Pomological Society at Portland Sept. 22d to 25th.

The associated press dispatches from North Carolina and Tennessee state in almost exultant language that the democratic gains are enormous. Until the official returns are complete, it is well to remember the North Carolina election of 1871, when, from the same partisan source, there came reports of a democratic majority of 12,000. These large figures, however, by subsequent advices daubed into nothing, and the final official declaration of the vote showed an actual republican majority of 2000. Without predicting a similar result this year, we would merely intimate that the arithmetic of the gentleman who sends news from Raleigh is of a slightly democratic cast.—*Lewis ton Journal.*

Testimonial.

At a meeting of the V. C. A. & P. C., an old society of Portland, last week, on motion of W. A. Winslow, Esq., Cashier of the Casco National Bank, in respect to the memory of our late brother, Granville M. Chase, the camp be known as Camp G. M. Chase. The following resolutions were also passed:

Resolved, That this Association, in the recent and sudden removal of one of its members, has again been solemnly reminded of the frail tenure of human existence and of the instability of all earthly things in humble submission to His will who "doeth all things well" it is hereby Resolved, That in the death of our late brother, Granville M. Chase, we are called to mourn the loss of an active and devoted member of our society; of one whose genial presence and hearty co-operation contributed largely to the enjoyment of our social gatherings; who was endeared to us by many pleasant associations, and whose numerous estimable qualities won for him our friendly esteem and brotherly love.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased brother the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, trustfully commending them to Him who "doth not suffer willingly, nor grieve the children of men."

At a recent meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Company in London, its chairman repeated the statement that an enormous error had been made in estimating the cost of changing the gauge of the whole line. It was estimated by the company's officers in Canada that the change would cost \$230,000, but it has actually cost \$230,000—an excess of \$230,000. He said: "I hope and believe that we have remedied that defect in our organization in Canada which partly led to such an error." As it is now proposed to change the gauge on the portion of the company's road extending from Richmond to Quebec and River Du Loup, \$275,000 will be needed, making the total cost over a million pounds. For some other minor under estimates and for the expenses attendant upon change of gauge and the laying of steel rails, the chairman claimed that an issue of \$1,250,000 of five per cent. stock would be required, having reference also to the requirements of the road for 1875 and 1876. He thought also the track should be doubled on certain portions of the line. In regard to the traffic of the line the report was very favorable. Of the new management in Canada the chairman spoke in terms of the highest praise.

—Mr. Henry Beecher, the pastor's eldest son, is living with his family in his father's house on the Heights. He is in the insurance business in the firm of Beecher & Benedict on Court street, Brooklyn. He is past thirty, and was a colonel in the late war. The second son, William, is a Yale graduate, about twenty-three years old, and studying in a Brooklyn law office. Herbert is eighteen and is the youngest of the family, and is an undergraduate of Amherst College. The only daughter is Mrs. Harriet Scoville, the wife of a minister in Norwich, N. Y. Mr. Henry Beecher's wife is the sister of his partner, and daughter of Mr. Benedict, a resident of the Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Beecher have buried two of three young children.

Obituary.

Died at Washington, D. C., Aug. 31, Mrs. Mary Addie, wife of Louisville Twichell, Esq., a native of Bethel. She was born at Andover, Me., in 1835; was the oldest daughter of Paulmier Farrington, Esq., who emigrated to Princeton, Minn., in 1855.

Mrs. Twichell was gifted with a remarkable love of nature; she was of a sympathetic disposition, entire, devoted to her friends. Especially was this the case with the members of her own family, the husband and children,—two sons and a daughter,—have occasion to long remember with what untiring zeal she attended their every wish. Even in her last sickness, when she herself needed rest and care, would she leave her bed and endeavor to wait upon her companion who was sick in another part of the house, until her disease had made such havoc with her constitution that it became apparent to all that she could not long survive. She remembered and loved to often dwell, as she would express it, upon "the scenes of dear old Maine; how I love to think of her and the dear friends I have there." Her more intimate friends will not soon forget the enthusiasm with which she would enter into conversation when those scenes were the subject.

Mrs. T. was given to literary pursuits, and under more auspicious circumstances would have made her mark, as she unquestionably had a talent for such labors; being married young and with the cares of a family she found but little time to devote to an occupation so congenial to her nature, though she has written considerably for the public press, both of Maine and Minnesota. A portion of her writings have reached the public through the columns of the Democrat, where they appeared under the nom de plume of "Mattie Moore."

The funeral was attended by a numerous body of friends, as well as by the Minnesota Association, and the different soldiers' organizations of the District of Columbia.

—And now comes a new order—Sovereigns of Industry.

Ransom Family.

The third reunion of the descendants of Edward Ransom will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16th 1874, at Horticultrual Hall, Worcester, Mass. The committee extend a cordial invitation to each and every person connected with this family to be present on that day. Exercises to consist of an address, speeches, music and sociability. Collection at the Hall. All expenses to be paid by contributions from members at the Hall.

To relieve the committee from embarrassment, all those intending to be present should send notice to the Secretary as early as possible, and the number of persons they represent who will attend.

Per order Committee.  
E. B. CRANE, Sec'y.

Worcester, July 30, 1874.

Deconstructive fire at Welchville.

The most destructive fire in town since the burning of the mill of the Robinson Manufacturing Company, several years ago, occurred in Welchville last Thursday night. About eleven o'clock smoke was discovered issuing from the drying house of the Monitor Mills, owned by James Haiper.

All the available help was at once secured for putting out the fire, and a messenger was dispatched to the neighboring village of Oxford for the fire engine, but the flames had gained too much headway to be resisted, and before the engine arrived the building and its contents were in ruins.

The fire was peculiarly unfortunate, as Mr. Haiper had just laid in a large stock of new superior wool, and valuable dye stuff, nearly all of which was consumed. By the persevering efforts of the fire company, however, a small portion of the wool was saved. The loss by the fire is estimated at ten thousand dollars, only a small portion of which was covered by insurance.

Fire at Dixfield.

The Androsoggin House at Dixfield, owned by B. L. Marble, together with a dwelling house owned by Mrs. Parks, was burned Friday night. The fire caught in the barn connected with Mrs. Parks's house. Marble's loss is about \$2000; Mrs. Parks's loss \$2000.

The horses and stage teams of Tuttle and Woodman, which were stabled there, came near being destroyed.

Concert—South Paris.

Last Friday evening the Congregationalist choir, assisted by Prof. E. K. Harlow and wife, with other citizens of So. Paris, gave a very interesting vocal and instrumental Concert in the Cong. Meeting house.

The entertainment opened with an organ voluntary performed by Prof. Harlow, who, though he is totally blind, performs the most difficult music with excellent taste and expression.

Vocal solos by Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Brown, with duets by various combinations of the performers, and a song by W. R. Shurtleff, Esq., were finely rendered, and gave general satisfaction.

Prof. Harlow presided at the piano during the singing. He also performed several instrumental pieces, among which was the exceedingly difficult, yet popular "Storm." This seemed timely chosen, as rain began falling and was blown furiously against the windows during its performance.

A very fair audience was assembled, considering the threatening aspect which the clouds assumed towards evening.—Paris Hill and Norway were represented by quite large delegations.

The Temple Quartette Again!

Our Norway friends were so delighted with the Concert of this popular company last winter, that they have made arrangements for another Concert on Monday evening of next week. Mrs. Mabel Burham will also assist. The tickets will be fifty cents, with no reserved seats. Checks will be given, however, for seats, and the first come, first served. All who have a taste for music of this high order will improve this opportunity and enjoy a rich musical treat.

The Whig says that boys so plagued a squirrel about the saw mill of Eben Webster & Co., on Marsh Point, Orono, that he took refuge for life by running up the large brick chimney near the mill.—By clinging to the cornice he kept his foothold so well that he succeeded in reaching the very top. Here he found himself upon the iron cap 13 1/4 feet from the ground. As more and more of the waste stuff from the mill was added to the furnace, the chimney grew hotter and his situation became more and more disagreeable. He tried to descend upon the side of the chimney, but after getting down a few feet gave it up, turned about and went back. By this time the chimney top had become so hot that he must leave it; so spreading out his legs and balancing himself, he stuck the ground about fifty feet from the base, uninjured, and immediately scurried off and secreted himself under a pile of boards a little distance away.

In looking over the Catalogue of the Western State Normal School, we are glad to notice that the advantages of this excellent school are being better appreciated by our Country. There are eleven students now, where there were but one or two a few terms ago. Nothing equals the Normal schools as fitting institutions for teachers. Another reason why our Country should patronize the school,—the Principal, C. C. Rounds, Esq., is well known as a teacher here, and two of the instructors, Mr. Robinson Woodbury and J. Walter Sietson, are Oxford boys.

The following, from the telegraphic dispatches of Monday, August 10th, may be contradicted to-morrow, as are most of the disgusting details connected with the Beecher and Tilton scandal.

A prayer meeting at Plymouth church last evening gave evidence of the unswerving faith of the church in the integrity of the pastor.

Our Village.

Among the visitors in town are E. P. Chase, Esq., and wife; Albro Chase and wife; Horatio Staples, Esq., and wife, Mr. Sturdivant and wife, all of Portland.

Mr. Loring, firm of Loring, Short & Harmon, Portland, is at Mrs. Mellen's with his family.  
Mr. Joseph King, firm of King & Dexter, Portland, with his wife, Rev. G. M. P. King, of Wayland Seminary, Washington, with four of his colored students, and Mr. Arthur King and wife, from New York, are visiting the old homestead, and when the other two brothers, who are in the neighborhood, with the aged parents, Mr. Alonzo King and wife, are together, with all the grandchildren, they have music enough without importing any from Washington. Fairly started from Mr. King's for church on Sunday morning.

Rev. G. L. Hunt and wife, of Mystic River, Conn., Mr. H. A. Hersey and wife of New York, and Mr. Henry Lowell, are visiting Mrs. Simeon Cummings.

Rev. Dr. Childs, of Boston, with his son-in-law, Sampson D. Whittemore, is visiting at Mrs. Whittemore's.

James F. Rawson, Esq., and family, of Bangor, are visiting their friends here.

Rev. George Forbes, of Vermont, is visiting his parents here. He supplied the pulpit at the Universalist church last Sabbath.

Joel Perham, Esq., of Boston, and Dr. W. B. Lapham of the Maine Farmer, Augusta, with his family, are visiting Ex-Gov. Perham.

Mr. Olen and family, of Portland, are at the delightful residence of H. E. Hammond, Esq., on the ridge, just out of the village.

Edward L. Parris, Esq., of New York city, is spending his vacation at his old home, in our village.

—We are pleased to announce that the fall term of our Academy will be taught by Mr. C. B. Elder, Principal, and H. S. Cowell and George Elder Assistants. These teachers are deservedly popular, and a full and profitable school may be expected.

Mr. Alonzo King's family and visitors, of about 50, with Mr. Chase's of nearly as many, took up about all the spare room in the Baptist church last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Estes is to be about a couple of weeks, to attend the ordination of his son, David Foster Estes, at Manchester, accompanied by his wife.

Widow Merrill, who leased her house to H. C. Davis, Esq., last spring and went to West, with her daughter, has returned sick, and is at Mrs. Mayson's.

Rev. Dr. Childs preached at the Whittemore neighborhood last Sabbath afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

The democratic County Convention meets this week.

Probate Court next week.

The County Commissioners will meet on the 1st day of September.

The quartette of colored students from Wayland Seminary, Washington, sang several religious pieces at the 1st Baptist Sunday School with fine effect, on Sunday last. They will give a Concert at the Court House on Wednesday evening of this week, and we assure all that it will be a musical treat. The object, also, to raise funds for the Seminary, is one to which all should be glad to contribute.

Four clergymen were present at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Rev. G. L. Hunt, of Mystic River, Conn., preached at the 1st Baptist church last Sabbath. The discourse was an able, scholarly production, admirably delivered.

Rev. Dr. Childs, of Massachusetts, will preach at the 1st Baptist church next Sabbath.

South Paris Items.

—Rev. G. L. Hunt preached for Rev. Mr. Wheelwright at South Paris, on Sunday afternoon last.

The Methodist Sabbath School will go to West Bethel on an excursion, on Wednesday of this week. Fare only 50 cents for the round trip. Conductor Snow, the Sup't. of the school, made the arrangements, and a very favorable one, too, as there is a beautiful grove there, and the company will have about six hours to stop.

The Grand officers of the O. M. Fellows, with delegations from the Norway, Dixfield and other lodges, came to South Paris last Wednesday evening, and instituted a new Lodge in that place—the members being principally young men of character and enterprise, who no doubt will sustain an excellent lodge here. We have not a full list of the officers, but understand that W. J. Wheeler is N. G., Dr. Rounds, V. G., and N. D. Bolster, Sec'y. The lodge will meet in the comfortable and neat Masonic Hall, in Masonic Block. The Grand officers and visiting brothers were handsomely entertained by the new Lodge.

—The Oxford Normal Institute, South Paris, will maintain its high reputation this Fall, it is expected. Mr. Crommett, the new Principal, comes highly recommended, and the citizens will take their usual deep interest in the welfare of the school.

West Paris.

Mrs. Frank Porter, living in the Porter neighborhood in this section of the town, and daughter of Nathan Millett, Esq., one of the wealthy men of Norway, and her husband Frank Porter, an independent farmer, herself, though not compelled through any necessity to perform any hard labor, has without the assistance of one day's work made in one year three hundred pairs of pants, for which she received one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents. She has also cooked for and done the washing and ironing, as well as the making and repairing of the clothes for seven to ten in her family; took care of the milk of three cows, besides looking after her poultry and other cares of a farm house, and like the good Samaritan, you always find her ready to lend a helping hand in sickness among her neighbors. Such examples are truly worthy of record.—*Register.*

Norway Items.

O'Brien, the well known and popular tailor, always gives satisfaction. He has many customers in the County.

We understand that the Lecture Committee are arranging for a very superior course of lectures at Norway the coming winter. Among those already engaged are Mrs. Livermore, Theodore Tilton, and Rev. W. H. H. Murray. A good concert will be furnished in the course. We trust that the course will be a success.

The committee of arrangements from the 1st, 10th and 29th Mo. Regts. association met for consultation with the committee from the Norway Light Infantry, at the Elm House, on Monday eve, and the following programme was fixed upon for the celebration in this Village the 15th of Sept. next: The Norway Light Infantry, together with their veterans, will receive the Portland Light Infantry, Portland Mechanic Blues, and members of the association on their arrival on the morning train from Portland, and escort them to this Village, where the visiting companies will partake of a collation. After the collation the visitors will be escorted to Ordway Grove where there will be target practice and prizes will be awarded for the best shots in the several companies. The association will have the usual prizes to be shot for. After dinner, which will be served at the grove, the Auger and Wheelbarrow brigade will make their appearance, and show their proficiency in the drill laid down for such occasions.

A battalion of Potato pickers, will be organized, and it is expected that the boys from the city will compete with the Oxford Bears in picking up a row of those useful articles, known as Potatoes, and the smartest one gets the prize. Other games will be introduced and our friends from abroad may rest assured that those who have the matter in charge will do everything in their power to make this the most pleasant reunion that has ever come off in this State.

The Portland Mechanic Blues and Portland Light Infantry, have accepted the invitation to be present at the anniversary and reunion in this village, Sept. 15th.

G. E. Gibson has made a pond and has about 350 trout in it.

The following officers of Pine Grove Lodge, No. 350, I. O. of G. T., were installed Monday Evening, Aug. 3, by D. I. Black, Lodge Deputy:

W. O. G. Willis Harmon; W. I. G. E. Houghton; W. D. M. Emma Houghton; W. M. W. F. Mann; W. T. Annet Sampson; W. F. S. F. E. Drake; W. S. E. M. Houghton; W. A. S. E. H. Houghton; W. C. Rev. N. S. Moore; W. V. T. Mary Hall; W. C. T. A. O'Brien; R. H. S. C. A. Hayden; L. H. S. Winnie Evans.

Bethel Items.

A man by the name of John Marshall committed forgeries in N. H., recently, and the case was put into the hands of officer Wormald of this place, who arrested the man and delivered him over to the New Hampshire officers this week.

Summer travel has fully set in, and our public houses, and private boarding houses are well filled. The north side of the river (known as Mayville) takes its full share this season. D. A. H. Chapman has 23, Dea. Valentine 10, Mr. S. B. Twichell 8, Rev. S. L. Gould 29, Mr. Alpha Twichell 18, Mr. Curatia Bartlett 25, Mr. S. L. Bartlett 20, Mr. S. R. Locke 20; a little further down the river Mr. O. R. Hastings 23, besides several other families two or three each.

A fair hay crop is secured in good condition. Grain and potatoes are looking well.

O. H. Mason, Esq., has been improving his house by the addition of a piazza. Hon. R. A. Chapman is erecting a house on — street, and Dea S. W. Hilborn a house and stable on Vernon street.

Those who have a good horse and are troubled with the marring of the heel of the foot, will do well to call on J. C. Billings and examine Smith's patent expansion shoe. Mr. Billings owns the right for this vicinity, and sets the shoe in the most approved manner. The principle upon which it acts is natural so that the horse bears his weight upon the frog instead of the outer crust. Will describe it hereafter.

Hebron Items.

At a citizen's meeting held in Hebron Monday night, Aug. 3d, to consult with regard to the interests of Hebron Aendale may, the sum of thirteen hundred dollars was pledged to wards securing the Colby endowment. Rev. Mr. Crane of Hebron has been appointed agent to solicit funds for this object. Among the prominent persons from abroad, were Samuel Burdham of Norway, Geo. P. Whitney of Oxford, C. J. Prescott, former Principal, now of New Jersey, Capt. Leonard Danson, and Harvey Whitney, Esq., of Boston, and Rev. Mr. Crane. All these gentlemen have been at some time, interested in the Academy, either as teachers or students, and remembering their old relation, at this time contributed largely to secure its endowment.

Officers were installed in Sure Haven Lodge I. O. of G. T., of Hebron, Saturday eve Aug 1st, by R. G. Marshall, Lodge Deputy, as follows: A. T. Curtis, W. C. T.; Mrs. Augusta Curtis, W. V. T.; N. M. Marshall, W. S. The Lodge is prosperous and growing. The number of charter members was 22 and the Lodge now numbers 44 and it is confidently believed that before it is one year old it will number 75 or 100 members; for the exercises, discussions, declamations, reading of some monthly chronicle, written and edited by members of the Lodge, &c, are at present sufficient to keep up a lively interest, while in the future after the Lodge shall become able to procure a more commodious hall they expect to be able to make their exercises more interesting.

SPECIAL ATTENTION of all persons doing business in the Probate Court is called to the fact that all bonds, or any other legal instruments should be signed with full name. Abbreviations and initials should be entirely avoided, and thus render mistakes of identity impossible.

Dixfield Items.

The only real source of amusement and recreation is in going up to W. Scott Chase's meadow, about two miles up the Webb River, where he is cutting a large amount of hay. As he mows and rakes all his hay with machinery, not a very large number of men are required to keep the work moving. But as they have a beautiful grove, and house and tents, and all the accommodations for a pleasure resort, the teams that haul down the hay are loaded back with ladies as well as many carriages running to and from the place of attraction. So that his whole haying season like a scene of amusement rather than labor.

The public houses are quiet, having the usual traveling custom. B. L. Marble, landlord of the National House, has been quite sick all summer. He has been confined to his room most of the summer, and quite a portion of the time to his bed. Dr. Abbott has been attending upon him, and Dr. Peasley of Lewiston, and other physicians have attended upon his sons. He is said to be better now, and I think he has rode out a few times.

Our cheese factory is doing a very successful business, having from thirty to thirty five hundred pounds of milk daily.

Mr. J. S. Holmes, son of Capt. Samuel Holmes of our village, a very successful teacher, will teach our High School this fall.

Henry Marble, M. D., has sold out his drug store here to J. P. Johnson, and has removed to Lewiston and is opening an extensive drug shop there, and has also gone into practice as a physician. It is said he is doing well.

The grasshoppers have been doing some damage on the plains north of our village. They have destroyed some fields of beans and other crops. But I cannot learn that they have damaged the hops much. They don't seem to be fond of hop beer.

Week before last there was a large amount of excellent hay secured in this neighborhood.

Leonard Brackett has had excellent success in burning a large kiln of nice brick, a portion of which are being hauled to Mexico to build the steam mill now being erected there.—*Register.*

Andover Items.

Our schools at the Corner closed last week with marked success. The improvement made by the scholars has been very gratifying and satisfactory to all, and reflects much credit on both teachers and Superintendent.

We are having a large amount of company from the cities this summer, who are fond in their praises of the beautiful scenery, fair, invigorating, healthful and bracing atmosphere of our beautiful town. I notice a number of familiar faces at our boarding houses, among others, Hon. H. V. Poor, who is so well known in connection with the railroads of New York, and as a lawyer, also Chas. Poor, Esq., of the same State, who left this town when a small boy, with a money or friends, and by hard labor and honest industry has accumulated a large fortune. It is to his generosity that we are indebted for our beautiful "Star Spangled Banner" which adorns our Town Hall. Would it not be well for other young men in Andover to imitate his example?

Mr. C. A. Merrill, Principal of the High School at Machias, is spending his vacation at home.

Martin Mitchell, while at work in a barn near Roxbury Pond a few days since, fell from a scaffold and broke his leg so badly that the bone protruded through the flesh.

A. A. West Esq. is building a new house near his former residence. Mr. Elbridge Poor is repairing and enlarging his buildings.

Rev. Mr. Pierson of Alfred preached two very interesting sermons last Sabbath at the Congregational church, and Rev. Mr. Harnford of Upton, preached two eloquent and stirring sermons at the M. E. church.

Messrs. Elijah and Elisha Bodell are spending the summer at the White Mountains; the former is running a store, and the latter a boarding house.

LOVE STAR.

Fryeburg Items.

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Hor of the Fair View House, Lovell, were seriously injured the night of the 6th inst., by being thrown from a carriage. Mrs. McDonald had her collar bone broken, and fears are entertained that Mrs. Hor has serious internal injuries.

The Fryeburg cheese factory under the management of F. Shirley, President, and A. B. Walker, Superintendent, is already giving satisfactory returns to its stockholders and the public, although in operation only forty days. More than four tons of cheese have been manufactured, and it has begun to find a ready market at the village stores, and also at the hotels of North Conway. It is sold at the factory for 15 and 16 cents—the weight varying from 25 to 45 pounds each—thus far as 8 to 10 pounds of milk producing one pound of cheese. No work is done on the Sabbath.

South Waterford.

The firm of Nelson Bros., general store, is dissolved, Eugene Nelson retiring, the business will be continued by L. K. Nelson at the old stand.

The well known carriage manufacturing firm of Pingree & Hall, South Waterford, has received a new accession, in the person of Mr. Charles W. Perry, a life long and highly esteemed citizen of that town. The firm will henceforth be known as Pingree, Hall & Perry.

—Crystal Ware Lodge of East Bethel, elected the following officers on the 31st ult.: Mrs. George W. Shaw, W. C. T.; Mrs. Marcus L. Sampson, W. V. T.; Miss Avoline R. Forbes, W. S.; A. A. Crooker, W. E. S.; Benj. L. Irish, W. A.; William Bicknell, W. C.; Noah W. Hodgdon, W. M.; Hattie A. Bicknell, W. I. G.; M. L. Sampson, W.







## Poetry.

### The Little Doll that Died.

"Why, Polly? What's the matter, dear?  
You look so very sad,  
Has your new doll been killed?  
It cannot be so bad."  
Nine of the dolls sit in a row,  
But there is one beside—  
See, in the corner, under the  
The little doll that died!

Out in the corner, all alone,  
The wretched doll must stay;  
None of the rest must speak to her,  
Or look there while they play.  
All her best clothes, except her boots,  
Are safely put aside;  
The boots are painted on her feet—  
The little doll that died!

Oh, lying 'neath a ragged thing!  
Why, she might swear and steal,  
Or murder some one, I dare say;  
Just think how we should feel  
To have her in a prison here,  
Or worse than that, be hung!  
What would she do when she is old,  
If she did this so young?

And now the silver snail and spoon  
Come into use again,  
And down the faces of the dolls,  
The tears run fast as rain.  
Three have tipped over with their grief,  
Their hankerschiefs are dripping wet—  
The little doll that died!

—St. Nicholas.

## Miscellany.

### How a Person May be Choked.

All that we eat or drink passes over the top of the windpipe without a particle ever entering it, although the opening is larger than a dime, because the very act of swallowing draws over the open top of it a fleshy trap door which fits so closely that not even a particle of air can pass; but at the instant of swallowing, it opens up with a spring, and we go on breathing as if nothing had happened. But if we attempt to swallow anything too large, this trap door, being at the narrowest part of the passage, is kept closed, not a particle of air can enter the lungs, and we die in a moment of suffocation, as in drowning or smothering.

If you chew a piece of dried beef for some time, there will be a white membrane which there is no inclination to swallow. If it is taken and picked apart, it will appear to be made of little strings, tough and strong. These were attached to the flesh like parts which were chewed and swallowed.

If, in eating, a man has a sharp knife, and cuts his meat wholly in two, he may put two of these pieces in his mouth, and chew and swallow them without danger; but if the knife is dull, and does not divide the pieces wholly, two pieces may be tied together with one of these little strings, and while you have swallowed one part nearest the swallow, the other may be near the teeth, and both held by the string, which, holding the two parts together, and hanging across the trap door, prevents its opening, and death follows in an instant. Hence the practical value of sharp knives at the dinner table.

A long hair in a mouthful of food may so entangle it, in the act of swallowing, as to cause choking to death. That is what is meant by "strangling by a hair." String beans may occasion a choking to death in the same way, if not carefully strung. Hence all food should be cut fine—should be taken into the mouth in small pieces, chewed thoroughly, and swallowed deliberately.

Most readers have suffered considerable inconvenience from something "going the wrong way." This is occasioned by a single drop of water or an atom of solid food, a crumb or other thing slipping into the windpipe or falling down to the lungs, causing an instantaneous, spiteful, angry, dry cough; it is because nature was alarmed by an unnatural and unwelcome visitor, and thus, her only means of rejecting the intruder. If the particles are large and heavy, the surgeon must be called upon to cut open the wind pipe and remove the substance.

A person cannot laugh or speak a word unless the top of his windpipe is uncovered; but if a laugh is provoked or a word attempted to be spoken while in the act of swallowing, and just before the particle has fully passed the trap door, it is raised a little, a drop or crumb falls into it, hence the mischief. In eating, do not attempt to speak until the swallow is clear.

### Moses's Wife.

A clerical gentleman from whom the Drawer is always pleased to hear sends the following:

"As I was paying pastoral visits some years ago in the State of Tennessee, a lady said to me:

"I'm very glad you've come. I was reading in the Bible the other day about Moses marrying a nigger, and I wish you would explain the matter."

"It doesn't read that way in my Bible," I replied; "it reads that Moses married an Ethiopian woman."

"Well, doesn't that mean a nigger?"

"I will tell you how it was," I answered.

"There was a terrible war waged by the Ethiopians against the Egyptians, and two great armies sent from Egypt against them had been destroyed. The Ethiopians were governed by a magnificent queen, something like Semiramis, who led out her own armies, and knew how to gain a victory. But when Moses was sent with a third Egyptian army against her, he asked help of God, and managed so wisely that the queen agreed to surrender all her forces to him, and become tributary to Egypt, provided he would marry her."

"Well," said the old lady, "I was sure it wasn't any common nigger."—Harper's Monthly.

—A Sacramento lawyer remarked to the court, "It is my candid opinion, Judge, that you are an old fool." The Judge allowed his mildly beaming eye to rest on the attorney a brief moment; then, in a voice husky with suppressed emotion, said, "It is my candid opinion that you are fined one hundred dollars."

## Don't be too Critical.

Whatever you do never set up for a critic. We don't mean a newspaper one, but in private life, in the private circle, in society. It will do you no one good, and it will do you harm—if you mind being called disagreeable. If you don't like any one's nose or any one's chin, don't put your feelings into words. If any one's manners don't please you, remember your own. People are not all made to suit one taste, remember that. Take things as you find them. Even a dinner after it is eaten, cannot be made any better. Continual fault finding, continual criticism of the conduct of this one and the speech of that one, the address of the other and the opinions of 't'other, will not make home the happiest place under the sun. If you are never pleased with any one, no one will be pleased with you. And it is known that you are hard to suit, few will take the pains to suit you.—North and Home.

### The Hidden Torture.

There is nothing so remarkable in man says Arthur Helps, as his power of concealing mental torture. What is unsaid is ever nearest and greatest. The soul is beset by some hideous remorse—consuming care—warrings of disease—fear of death—rejected love—vile pecuniary distress, or the anguish of anticipated shame. The dark thing is not merely in the back ground; its presence never withdrawn, its grasp never wholly relaxed, it occupies the citadel of thoughts and feelings; and all that is beyond its sway is but outlying and unconsidered precincts. Meanwhile the man plays his part in society as other men do; is polite, gay, affable; and if he is really a strong and able person, is as much like his ordinary self, himself, as he was before the dark thing had the slightest hold upon him, as it is possible to be.

### Use and Management of Money.

To be prudent and economical in the concerns of property, and at the same time not to give away to the temptation of avarice, is doubtless, with many, extremely difficult. The right use and management of money (being the medium of exchange for all the necessities and conveniences of life) is of such consequence as to well merit one's attention and reflection. Men will be fools and spendthrifts, neglect their business and misspend their time; but while talking or writing may do the least good, it is the duty of everyone to do all in his power to show the importance of prudence in pecuniary matters as well as in everything else.

It is in vain that we are favored with good natural talents, education and knowledge, that we exert our strength of body and mind to the utmost, and are ever so industrious in lawful and laudable pursuits; and it is in vain that friends and patrons bestow their bounty upon us, if we are wanting in the single article of economy or prudence in money.

A writer of accurate views says that none know the worth or value of money till they have suffered the inconvenience of being deprived of it; that the generation that immediately follows the one in possession of great riches, is generally seen to turn out very poor, and as easily rid themselves of their estates and that of their followers being in the beginning poor, amass large fortunes, which are again disposed of by their heirs or descendants much in the same way.

### An Infant in Death.

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## Galileo's Telescope.

In the year 1609, Galileo relates, he first heard from a friend in Flanders that an instrument had been invented by which distant objects were brought near and the powers of vision extended. He resolved at once to imitate and surpass it. By his singular mechanical dexterity, his knowledge of optics, and his highly polished glasses, he was soon able to produce a telescope before which the Dutch instrument sank into neglect, and was forgotten. It was never more heard of; but a thrill of wonder passed over Italy and Europe when it was known that the famous Padua professor had prepared an optic glass that enlarged the bounds of vision, and endowed mankind with new powers. The charm of surpassing novelty covered the wonderful invention with an unprecedented renown. The great and learned contented for the possession of the new instrument. Galileo carried his telescope to Venice, and from the tallest bell towers and nobles saw through the magic glasses great argosies sailing far out at sea, and the distant shores brought near and made visible. All the value of the new instrument broke at once upon their minds; it must change the principles of military strategy, and diminish the perils of navigation. Magistrates, senators and citizens covered the fortunate inventor with applause. With discrete courtesy, Galileo presented his telescope to the doge at a friendly audience, and the Venetians at once raised his salary to a thousand florins. Covered with honors and emoluments, he returned to Padua, little dreaming of the surpassing discoveries that awaited him in the silent heavens, or of the pains and woes he was destined to bear in his later years from the heretical revelations of his too truthful and fatal telescope.—Harper's Monthly.

### Coffee as a Disinfectant.

Roasted coffee, says the *Homeopathic World*, is one of the most powerful means not only of rendering animal and vegetable effluvia innocuous, but of actually destroying them. In proof of this, the statement is made that a room in which meat in an advanced stage of decomposition had been kept for some time, was instantly deprived of all smell on an open coffee roaster being carried through it, containing one pound of newly roasted coffee; and in another room, the effluvia occasioned by the cleaning of a cesspool so that sulphureted hydrogen and ammonia could be clearly detected, was entirely removed on the employment of three ounces of freshly burnt coffee. Roasted coffee sometimes get misty from flesh, food or fish kept too long in them. No remedy for putting such receptacles, so simple as burnt coffee can be employed.

### Dyspepsia.

The only cure for this prevalent malady is the proper regulation of the food. First let it be regularly taken; let it be in moderate amounts, let it be well cooked, plain and nutritious and easily digested; this, with a moderate degree of gentle exercise in the open air two or three hours a day, will cure any ordinary case. Dyspepsia always get well and get fat when they are sent to the penitentiary for a year or two, because their food is plain, is taken regularly, and the exercise is moderate, steady and healthful. If a man "can't" diet himself, thus, then let him suffer or go to jail.

—The Popular Excitement on the subject of hydrophobia is needless. Within the last few days, I have been summoned to attend four persons who were dying of fright pure and simple. Two nights ago my door bell rang furiously. The servant who answered it was confronted by an individual in a tumbler of excitement, who demanded to see me. When I came down stairs the gentleman cried out: "Doctor, save me from madness. I was bitten by my pet dog, three weeks ago, and I am now unable to see water unmoved, and I live on the Jersey Heights, and when I get near the river I closed my eyes and rushed to the ferry boat, and hid myself out of sight of the fatal water." When I heard that the dog had bit the gentleman three weeks before, was not dead, I knew he was not suffering from hydrophobia. Hydrophobic victims die within twenty-four hours. Pals I impressed upon him so strongly that he went away calm and hopeful. [Dr. W. A. Hammond.]

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